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LETTER DATED 10 JULY 1995 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that at 0415 hours on 9 July 1995 elements of the Iranian Guard who had infiltrated into Iraqi territory attacked an Iraqi civilian location some 100 kilometres north-east of Baghdad, firing five 107-millimetre Katyusha-type rockets. The attack caused damage to civilian property.

The Government of the Republic of Iraq reiterates its strong condemnation of such aggression, which is both unwarranted and out of keeping with the good faith that Iraq is demonstrating in a sincere desire to restore mutual confidence and establish and develop normal relations between the two countries in such a way as to promote security and stability in the region. Iraq urges the Iranian Government to desist from engaging in hostile acts that are incompatible with the norms of international law and the Charter of the United Nations, and it warns it of the consequences of any repetition of such acts. The Government of Iraq affirms its legitimate right to do all that it deems appropriate in order to safeguard the country's territorial integrity, the inviolability of its airspace and territorial waters and the security of its people, in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, while reserving its right to seek full compensation for the damage caused by such aggression under international law.

I request you to intervene, as is required of you by the responsibility entrusted to you under the Charter of the United Nations, in order to prevent any repetition of such unwarranted acts and so that stability and security may prevail in the region.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
Ambassador
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